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NIA court sentences Bangladeshi national to seven-year imprisonment in terror case

BENGALURU. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) Special Court in Bengaluru on Monday sentenced Bangladeshi national Jahidul Islam, alias Kausar, to seven years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) in a series of cases related to the promotion of the activities of Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh India (JMB - India). Jahidul was also fined 757,000 in cases connected with offences of dacoity, conspiracy, raising funds, and the procurement of ammunition. With this, a total of 11 accused have been convicted in these cases. The initial case was registered by the Bengaluru City Police in June 2019, based on information generated by the NIA during the investigation of the Burdwan blast case by the agency's Kolkata Branch Office. The NIA subsequently registered the case and initiated a probe into the matter, along with connected dacoity. According to NIA investigations, Jahidul, the JMB Amir of India, along with the absconding JMB head Saleuddin Salehin, had illegally crossed into India in 2014 after escaping from the custody of Bangladesh police in connection with the 2005 serial blasts in Bangladesh. While in hiding, he and his associates were involved in the October 2014 Burdwan blast case. After the blast, Jahidul and his aides fled to Bengaluru, where he radicalized and recruited gullible Muslim youth from West Bengal and Assam to further the anti-India activities of JMB. The accused and his associates were also responsible for the blast in Bodhgaya in January 2018.

Rajat Verma to take over as DBS Bank India CEO in March 2025

Mumbai : DBS announced today that it will be appointing Rajat Verma as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DBS Bank India with effect from 1 March 2025, in line with approval accorded by the Reserve Bank of India. Verma, currently Head of Institutional Banking Group (IBG) at DBS Bank India, will succeed Surojit Shome as CEO upon the latter's retirement on 28 February 2025. In this new role, Verma will be part of DBS' Group Management Committee. Since being appointed CEO of DBS Bank India in 2015, Shome has significantly expanded the India franchise, including through the launch of digibank, India's first mobile-only bank in 2016. He also led the subsidarisation of DBS in India in 2019 and the amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas Bank in 2020. DBS Bank India is today present in more than 350 locations in 19 states, and was ranked among the top three on Forbes' list of the World's Best Banks in India from 2020 to 2022.

Safety lapses blamed for MLA's accident at Kochi Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

KOCHI. Serious safety lapses led to the accident that caused grievous injuries to Thrikakara MLA Uma Thomas while attending a mega dance event at Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium in Kochi, said police. The Palarivattom police on Monday registered a case against the event organisers and contractor who built the dais at the stadium gallery. After interrogation, the police recorded the arrest of Krishnakumar, manager of event management firm Oscar Events. He was later released on bail. The Thrissur-based firm had organised the event for Mridanga Vision on Sunday. Uma suffered serious injuries after she fell from a height of 15ft at the stadium. Kochi City Police Commissioner Putta Vimaladitya said the preliminary probe indicated lapses on the part of organisers. "The probe revealed that certain terms and conditions stated in the agreement made between Mridangavision and the GCDA for hiring the stadium were not followed. We are in touch with other departments to check whether the organisers had taken their permission. We are conducting a detailed probe by coordinating with other government departments. The forensic team and structural engineers of PWD checked the stadium. All aspects of the safety lapses will be checked," Vimaladitya told reporters on Monday. Krishnakumar was the signatory on the agreement between Mridangavision and GCDA. Mridanga Vision managing director is Nighosh Kumar. The police interrogated Krishnakumar, Mridanga Vision CEO Shameer Abdul Rasheem and Mulanthuruthy native Benny, who built the stage. "We have registered a case against the organisers and the contractor



who built the stage. Currently, bailable offences are charged against the accused persons. Once more evidence emerges during the course of probe, we will decide on slapping more charges against them," Vimaladitya said. Police sources said the organisers had not taken permission from GCDA to install a dais on the gallery. Even after the accident, the event continued without enough security measures, they said. "Usually when such an event attended by a large crowd is organised, the PWD examines the structural changes made by organisers. However, PWD or engineers of GCDA were not informed about setting up the stage. The dais erected at a height of 15ft hardly had enough space to seat eight persons. The dais was to be occupied by more than 10 persons. The stage was not barricaded to prevent the accident that happened to Uma Thomas," an officer conducting the investigation said. The case was registered under Section 125 of the BNS Act (acts done rashly or negligently that endanger human life or personal safety), Section 125(B) (same offence with imprisonment up to three months), Section 3(5) (several persons involved in an offence).

Pawan Kalyan's year of political mastery, cultural advocacy

Andhra Pradesh, 2024 has been a transformative year for Pawan Kalyan, the actor-turned-politician and Jana Sena Party president. His leadership and strategic acumen were pivotal in the Jana Sena-TDP-BJP alliance's success in the general elections, limiting the YSRCP to just 11 seats. This victory was a testament to Pawan's ability to unite opposition forces and outmaneuver rivals. A key moment in Andhra Pradesh politics came when Pawan formed an alliance with TDP leader N Chandrababu Naidu, following the latter's arrest. This collaboration, supported by the BJP, was crucial in ensuring the NDA's success at both the State and national levels. Pawan's rise from losing the 2019 elections to becoming Deputy Chief Minister in 2024 was remarkable. As Deputy CM, he was praised for his hands-on governance, spearheading infrastructure projects, addressing local issues like red sanders smuggling, and championing rural development in his constituency, Pithapuram. Beyond Andhra Pradesh, Pawan's influence spread to Maharashtra, where his efforts helped the Mahayuti alliance win 11 out of 12 contested seats. His appeal was further bolstered by his advocacy for Hindu values, earning him titles like "Sanatana Dharma Parirakshak" and "Hindu Yodha."

NSE IX launches derivatives on Nifty Bharat Bond Indices, the first-ever fixed income derivatives in IFSC Exchanges

Mumbai : NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) with monthly and half-yearly cycles from today, as per NSE IX Circular 305/2024 dated December 10, 2024.

Notice from Nivas Housing Finance Private Limited regarding the launch of derivatives on Nifty Bharat Bond Indices. The notice includes details about the company, the new products, and contact information for the company secretary, Nidhi Sadani.

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